successful candidates in each subject. Number of students awarded Merit Certificates in 2003 examination is given below :-

Government		Government Aided	
X	XII	X	XII
54	114	15	26

The Government of India maintains no data on the performance of Government aided/managed schools.

Use of sub-standard material in gauge conversion

3269. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sub-standard and low quality mateial has been used in conversion of rail lines into broad-gauge ones;

(b) whether it is a fact that for the newly upgraded broad gauge track between Guwahati and Dibrugarh the speed limit is restricted to between 50 to 80 kms. per hour against the normal broad gauge speed of 110 to 120 kms.; and

(c) if so, whether it is largely attributable to the low quality material used in upgrading this track from metre gauge to broad gauge, and the outcome of enquiries made into the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The material used in gauge, conversion is as per the prescribed standards and quality.

(b) At present, the maximum sectional speed of Guwahati-Dibrugarh section (559 km.) is 100 km/h except Guwahati-Kamrupkheri (45 km.), Lumbing-Dimapur (69 km.) and Tinsukia-Dibrugarh (44 km.)-sections where it is 90 km/h, 80 km/h and 75 km/h respectively on account of many high degree curves as the section is on difficult terrain.

(c) No, Sir. And consequently, the question of any enquiry does not arise.

Rail project in J and K by KRCL

3270. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) embarking on an ambitious projects of linking Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country by rail;

(b) if so, what are the complete details of the project;

(c) whether Rs. 1200 crores project on Jammu-Udhampur-Baramullah railway project will be financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB) or World Bank; and

(d) if not, the source of funding to the project, and likely time-frame for the completion of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The work of construction of rail line from km. 30 to km. 120 between Katra-Qazigund of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla project has been entrusted to KRCL.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The funding of Jammu-Udhampur section is being done through budgetary support of the Railways. Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla has been declared as 'National Project and funds are being provided by Ministry of Finance as an additionality to the normal budgetary support for Railways. The project is targeted for completion by 15 August 2007.

Linking of Andheri and Ghatkopar by Railways

3271. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Andheri and Ghatkopar suburbs in Mumbai by Railways; and

(b) if so, the details of the feasibility and techno-economic survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.